

# MEA Book Club 2025-2026

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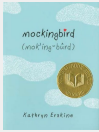
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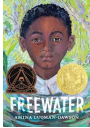
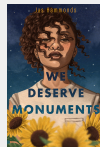
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| Month                |                                                                                     | Middle Grade Title                                                                     | Location/date/time                                                     |                                                                                       | Young Adult or Adult Title                                                                         | Location/date/time                                                                                                    |
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| August<br>Censorship |  | Attack of the Black Rectangles by Amy Sarig King<br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDF</a> ) | <a href="#">Zoom Meeting</a><br><br>Monday August 25th<br><br>5-6:30pm |  | Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books by Kirsten Miller<br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDF</a> ) | <a href="#">Empower Coffee</a><br>1337 S Gilbert Rd<br>Unit 120 Mesa, Az<br>85204<br><br>Tuesday August<br>26th, 2025 |

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| September<br>Hispanic<br>Heritage           |  | Invisible by Christina Diaz<br>and Gabriella Epstein<br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">YouTube</a> ) | <a href="#">Empower Coffee</a><br>1337 S Gilbert Rd<br>Unit 120 Mesa, Az<br>85204<br><br>Tuesday September<br>23rd 2025<br><br>5-6:30pm |  | I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican<br>Daughter by Erika L. Sánchez<br><br><i>National Book Award Finalist</i><br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">YouTube</a> ) | <a href="#">MEA Office</a><br>325 E. McKellips<br>Rd, Mesa, AZ 85201<br><br>Monday September<br>22nd 2025<br><br>5-6:30pm            |
| October<br>Filipino<br>American<br>Heritage |  | Mabuhay! by Christopher<br>Hastings and Zack Sterling                                                                  | <a href="#">MEA Office</a><br>325 E. McKellips<br>Rd, Mesa, AZ 85201<br><br>Monday October<br>27th, 2025<br><br>5-6:30pm                |  | Patron Saints of Nothing by<br>Randy Ribay<br><br><i>National Book Award Finalist</i><br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">YouTube</a> )                    | <a href="#">Empower Coffee</a><br>1337 S Gilbert Rd<br>Unit 120 Mesa, Az<br>85204<br><br>Monday October<br>20th 2025<br><br>5-6:30pm |

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| November<br>Native<br>American<br>Heritage |    | Healer of the Water Monster<br>by Brian Young<br><br><i>American Indian Youth<br/>Literature Award Winner</i><br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDF</a> ) | <a href="#">Zoom Meeting</a><br>OR<br><a href="#">Hope's Frybread</a><br>144 S Mesa Dr,<br>Mesa, AZ 85210<br><br>Monday November<br>17th 2025<br><br>5-6:30pm |    | Fire Keeper's Daughter by<br>Angeline Boulley<br><br><i>Printz Award for Young Adult<br/>Literature</i><br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDF</a> )          | <a href="#">Empower Coffee</a><br>1337 S Gilbert Rd<br>Unit 120 Mesa, Az<br>85204<br><br>Thursday November<br>20th<br><br>5-6:30pm                                              |
| December<br>Deaf Culture                   |    | Song for a Whale by Lynne<br>Kelly<br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDF</a> )                                                                            | <a href="#">Zoom Meeting</a><br><br>Monday December<br>29th, 2025<br><br>1:00-2:00pm                                                                          |    | True Biz by Sara Novic<br><br><i>Alex Award for adult books that<br/>have special appeal to young<br/>adults</i><br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDF</a> ) | <a href="#">Zoom Meeting</a><br><br>Tuesday December<br>30th, 2025<br><br><del>4:00-2:00pm</del><br><br>Changed to: 5 pm at<br>MiAmigos!<br>1264 S Gilbert Rd<br>Mesa, AZ 85204 |
| January<br>Disability                      |  | Insignificant Events in the<br>Life of a Cactus by Dusti<br>Bowling<br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">YouTube</a> )               | <a href="#">Empower Coffee</a><br>1337 S Gilbert Rd<br>Unit 120 Mesa, Az<br>85204                                                                             |  | Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine<br><br><i>National Book Award Winner</i><br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDF</a> ) ( <a href="#">YouTube</a> )              | <a href="#">Zoom Meeting</a><br><br>Thursday January<br>29th 2026                                                                                                               |

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| February<br>Black History |  | Freewater by Amina<br>Luqman-Dawson<br><br><i>Newbery Medal &amp;<br/>Coretta Scott King Award</i><br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDE</a> )                             | <del><a href="#">MEA Office</a><br/>325 E. McKellips<br/>Rd, Mesa, Az 85204</del><br><br><a href="#">Empower Coffee</a><br>1337 S Gilbert Rd<br>Unit 120 Mesa, Az<br>85204<br><br>Tuesday February<br>17th, 2025<br><br>5-6:30pm |  | All American Boys by Jason<br>Reynolds & Brendan Kiely<br><br><i>Walter Dean Myers Award and<br/>Coretta Scott King Award</i><br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDE</a> ) | <a href="#">Empower Coffee</a><br>1337 S Gilbert Rd<br>Unit 120 Mesa, Az<br>85204<br><br>(THIS DATE MAY CHANGE)<br>Tuesday February<br>24th 2026<br>5-6:30pm  |
| March<br>LGBT             |  | Melissa by Alex Gino<br>(previously published as <i>George</i> .<br>Both titles are the same book)<br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDE</a> ) ( <a href="#">YouTube</a> ) | <a href="#">Empower Coffee</a><br>1337 S Gilbert Rd<br>Unit 120 Mesa, Az<br>85204<br><br>(THIS DATE MAY CHANGE)<br>Monday March 30th,<br>2026<br><br>5-6:30pm                                                                    |  | We Deserve Monuments by Jas<br>Hammonds<br><br><i>Coretta Scott King - John<br/>Steptoe Award for New Talent</i><br><br>( <a href="#">OceanofPDE</a> )              | <a href="#">Empower Coffee</a><br>1337 S Gilbert Rd<br>Unit 120 Mesa, Az<br>85204<br><br>(THIS DATE MAY CHANGE)<br>Monday March 23rd,<br>2026<br><br>5-6:30pm |

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| <p>April</p> <p>Arab American Heritage</p> |  | <p>Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga</p> <p><i>Newbery Honor</i></p> <p>(<a href="#">OceanofPDF</a>)</p>                                              | <p><a href="#">Empower Coffee</a></p> <p>1337 S Gilbert Rd<br/>Unit 120 Mesa, Az<br/>85204</p> <p>(THIS DATE MAY CHANGE)<br/>Thursday April 30th</p> <p>5-6:30pm</p> |  | <p>A Woman is No Man by Etaf Rum</p> <p>(<a href="#">OceanofPDF</a>)</p>                                                                                                            | <p><a href="#">Zoom Meeting</a></p> <p>Tuesday April 21st,<br/>2026</p> <p>5-6:00pm</p>                                                                                           |
| <p>May</p> <p>AAPI Heritage</p>            |  | <p>Front Desk by Kelly Yang</p> <p><i>Asian / Pacific American Award for Literature</i></p> <p>(<a href="#">OceanofPDF</a>) (<a href="#">YouTube</a>)</p> | <p><a href="#">Zoom Meeting</a></p> <p>Monday May 11th,<br/>2026</p> <p>5-6:00pm</p>                                                                                 |  | <p>All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir</p> <p><i>Printz Award for Young Adult Literature &amp; National Book Award for Young People's Literature</i></p> <p>(<a href="#">OceanofPDF</a>)</p> | <p><a href="#">Zoom Meeting</a><br/><a href="#">Empower Coffee</a></p> <p>1337 S Gilbert Rd<br/>Unit 120 Mesa, Az<br/>85204</p> <p>Tuesday May 12th,<br/>2026</p> <p>5-6:30pm</p> |